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SUBJ: VENEZUELAN INITIATIVE ON CUBA

REFS: (A) STATE 65936, (B) STATE 44826

1. AMB JOVA SPOKE TO COLOMBIAN OAS AMBASSADOR CAMACHO REGARDING VENEZUELAN INITIATIVE. CAMACHO SAID HE HAD RECEIVED NO INSTRUCTIONS FROM BOGOTA AND ONLY KNEW INDIRECTLY OF THE INITIATIVE. JOVA STRESSED THAT WE CONSIDERED IT JURIDICALLY UNSOUND AS IT WAS AN EFFORT TO CIRCUMVENT THE TWO-THIRDS REQUIREMENT OF A RESOLUTION TAKEN UNDER THE RIO TREATY AND POLITICALLY UNWISE IN VIEW OF THE FACT THAT CUBA HAD NOT CHANGED ITS ATTITUDE OR ITS BEHAVIOR AND INTERVENTION IN THE AFFAIRS OF OTHER COUNTRIES. FOR THIS REASON WE WOULD BE OPPOSED TO THE VENEZUELAN INITIATIVE AND WE WOULD HOPE THAT COLOMBIA, PARTICULARLY IN VIEW OF ITS STRONG JURIDICAL

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BENT, WOULD ALSO BE OPPOSED.

2. CAMACHO SAID HE WOULD CABLE FOREIGN MINISTER VAZQUEZ CARRIZOSA TELLING HIM OF THIS CONVERSATION AND OF THE US GOVERNMENT'S ATTITUDE. SPEAKING PERSONALLY, HE SAID THAT IF THE VENEZUELAN PROPOSAL WERE TO COME TO A VOTE HE THOUGHT COLOMBIA MIGHT TRY "TO IMPROVE" ON IT WITH

WITH LENGTHIER AND BETTER-PHRASED LANGUAGE, ATTEMPTING TO MAKE IT MORE JURIDICAL. HE SAID THAT VAZQUEZ IN JUNE HAD PREPARED SUCH AMENDED LANGUAGE ON A CONTINGENCY BASIS. REGARDING THE COSTA RICAN PROPOSAL, CAMACHO SAID THAT IN HIS OPINION FACIO IS EAGER TO CHANGE THE STATUS QUO ON CUBA BUT IS IMPELLED BY AMOUR PROPRE TO STICK TO HIS OWN COUNTER-SUGGESTION. CAMACHO OBSERVED THAT FROM A U.S. POINT OF VIEW THE COSTA RICAN PROPOSAL MIGHT HAVE GREATER DANGERS AS IT WOULD REMOVE THE JURIDICAL GROUNDS FOR THE UNITED STATES, AND OTHERS WHO SO DESIRED, TO CONTINUE TO APPLY ECONOMIC SANCTIONS.

3. WHILE CAMACHO IS PERSONALLY SYMPATHETIC TO THE U.S. POSITION, HE WAS NOT ENCOURAGING REGARDING VAZQUEZ CARRIZOSA'S OWN VIEWS, RECALLING CONVERSATION IN NEW YORK IN MARCH 1973 (STATE 44826) WHERE COUNSELOR PEDERSEN AND JOVA HAD COVERED U.S. POSITION ON CUBA WITH VAZQUEZ RATHER EXTENSIVELY. ROGERS

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